



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76330

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**Divisional of USSN 10/160,226**

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For: METHOD OF DECIDING COATING CONDITION IN MANUFACTURING  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/160,226 filed June 4, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1, 2 & 3 (Canceled)**

4. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium coated so as to meet a coating condition of shearing energy  $E > 3 \times 10^6$  in accordance with ~~the method of deciding the coating condition according to claim 3;~~ a method of deciding a coating condition in manufacturing of a magnetic recording medium by using an extrusion-type coating method of extruding coating liquids from ends of slits of a coating head and applying the coating liquids to a continuously-running flexible support while making the flexible support relatively approach an end of the coating head so as to